

MCL + Alternative Resources

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Tutorial Outline

- Some prep work first
 - NVDLA background
 - Actual hardware + Emulation
- Then the fun stuff performing inference on NVDLA emulators
 - pulling the mcl ppopp21 tutorial docker (docker pull minoscomputing/ppopp21)
 ✓ If you haven't done so already go ahead a download now
 - Stepping through an example application
 - Launching NVDLA emulated devices
 - Launching MCL scheduler
 - Executing our test app!

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NVDLA – Nvidia Deep Learning Accelerator

- Accelerates compute effort of deep learning inference
 - 4 main groups
 - ✓ Convolutions
 - ✓ Activations
 - ✓ Pooling
 - ✓ Normalization
 - Share a few similar Characteristics
 - ✓ Regular/Predictable memory access
 - ✓ Readily parallelizable
- Goal: standardized, open architecture for deep learning inference
 - Scalable
 - Configurable (w.r.t. overall accelerator)





Nvidia Jetson AGX Xavier

- Nvidia developed DLA
- Headed implementation
 - Controller coprocessor closed source

GPU	512-core Volta GPU with Tensor Cores
CPU	8-core ARM v8.2 64-bit CPU, 8MB L2 + 4MB L3
Memory	32GB 256-Bit LPDDR4x 137GB/s
Storage	32GB eMMC 5.1
DL Accelerator	(2x) NVDLA Engines





Nvidia NVDLA Virtual Platform

- The Open Source offering provided by Nvidia (http://nvdla.org/vp.html)
 - QBOX: System-C + Qemu based emulation (what we will be using)
 - Register accurate emulation
 - (although not Virtual, the same open source hardware + software works with FPGAs)
 - From our point of view we interact with the emulated devices as if they are network attached accelerators
 - ✓ We run a lightweight server process on the guest server
 - You could conceivably run a full-fledged OS on the guest and interact with as a local accelerator





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Manual memory management, resource selection, kernel



Model Construction and Training

- Models implemented using high level ML API's
- Training performed offline
 - Potentially on more powerful systems
- Networks + Weights serialized
 - ONNX
 - Caffe
 - UFF





Inference Engine Creation

- Ingest network definition & weights
 - Or define network manually using TensorRT/OpenSource Runtime
- Specify parameters (some dependent on network definition)
 - Devices (Which DLA Core, allow GPU fallback)
 - Batch size
 - FP mode
- Serialize inference engine
 - NVDLA binary executable
- On the Xavier use `trtexec`
- On the virtual platform use `nvdla_compiler`





Model Execution (Inference) on Xavier

- Deserialize binary into InferenceEngine
- Construct ExecutionContext
- Allocate and load input/output buffers
 - Unified memory on the Xavier
- Create and initialize cudaStream (work queue)
- Enqueue inference task
- Wait on task completion
- Cleanup
- All implemented using the TensorRT C++ API
 - Also requires some additional bookkeeping and ancillary data structures

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Model Execution (Inference) on Virtual Platform

- Create Nvdla Runtime
- Load model & Initiate EMU
 - This is roughly the equivalent of a ExecutionContext
 - Only one model can be loaded at a time (per NVDLA "Core")
- Allocate and load input/output buffers
 - A call to allocate a separate call to bind to current model
- Submit inference task
 - Synchronous operation
- cleanup
- All implemented using the NVDLA OpenSource C++ API
 - There are multiple layers of API available to interact with the devices, we currently are using the highest





MCL – NVDLA integration

- Recall: MCL is built on top of OpenCL
- Recall: Tasks are OpenCL kernels (source code) and associated inputs/outputs
 - Compiled/executed depending on the device a task runs on
 - Devices managed by the MCL Scheduler
- NVDLA does not have an OpenCL implementation nor does it compile directly from source
- For integration we have developed a custom POCL¹ device for the NVDLA
- Currently, ingests preconstructed DLA binary
- Looking into direct construction from an ML deployment model (e.g. ONNX)
 - Would eliminate user needing to run "trtexec" or "nvdla_compiler" or implement a custom serializer







NVDLA POCL Driver

- POCL Portable Compute Language
 - Open source implementation of OpenCL standard
- Provides the connection between MCL and NVDLA
 - Xaiver calls directly into TensorRT
 - Virtual Platform connects to our lightweight server running in the Qemu image
- Device discovery and initialization
- Buffer/memory management
- Launches and reports finished execution of tasks
- Implemented using the OpenCL "builtin_kernel" interface
 - Specifies that the device doesn't run arbitrary OpenCL code



Time to test it out!

- Hopefully by now your docker image has finished downloading
 - Recall: "docker pull minoscomputing/ppopp21"
- Goal: Take a pretrained mnist (digit recognition) model and use it to performance inference on an (emulated) NVDLA
- We will perform the following steps:
 - Instantiate NVDLA Qemu devices
 - Compile mnist caffe model into an nvdla binary
 - Launch MCL scheduler process with POCL envargs to enable NVDLA's
 - Perform inference using an example MCL application





Instantiating NVDLA Qemu Devices – Host Side



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Each instance forwards a unique host port



Instantiating NVDLA Qemu Devices – Guest side

host:~# docker run -name ppopp21 -it minoscomputing/ppopp21 /bin/bash

root@container:/ppopp21# cd nvdla/

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#./start_nvdla_emulator.sh 2

"expect" is a program that allows us to talk to other interactive application via a script

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3 cd $NVDLA_EMU_BASE
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14 cp rootfs.ext4 rootfs_${port}.ext4
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45 expect ${TUTORIAL_DIR}/run_nvdla_emulator.exp \
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6 ${TUTORIAL_DIR}/nvdla_emulator_configs/port${port}.lua &
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cd ${TUTORIAL_DIR}
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8 done
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#!/usr/bin/expect -f

set timeout -1
log_file my_log_file.log

spawn aarch64_toplevel -c [lindex \$argv 0]

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expect "nvdla login: "
send "root\n"
expect "Password: "
send "nvdla\n"
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expect "# "
send "mount -t 9p -o trans=virtio r /mnt\n"
expect "# "
send "cd /mnt\n"
expect "# "
send "insmod drm.ko\n"
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<pre>send "insmod opendla_1.ko\n"</pre>
expect "# "
<pre>send "LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/nvdla_emu_server\n"</pre>
expect "# "

Launch the Qemu instance

Mount from the host the directory where this image was launched

Insert the NVDLA device driver module into the driver

Launch lightweight server



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Instantiating NVDLA Qemu Devices

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Compiling MNIST model to NVDLA format

we want our gemu images running so open a new terminal

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root@container:/ppopp21# cd nvdla/

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla# make caffe=mnist/mnist.caffemodel \ prototxt=mnist/mnist.prototxt nvdla emu bin

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rm -r wisdom.dir

The process on the Xavier is very similar but uses a different compiler In theory NVDLA binaries should be compatible across different implementations assuming the layers with the network are present in the accelerator

We have not (yet) been able to use the same binary on the Xavier and the emulated NVDLA

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Stripped Down MCL Application (MNIST)



We want to perform inference to predict what digit is present within an image

The only thing we need to (potentially) change is the nvdla binary path to run on hardware vs emulated NVDLAs

The docker container contains a full implementation of this application

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#
 make nvdla_test

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Compiling NVDLA Binary and MCL Executable

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Launching the MCL Scheduler

- Generally, just need to call <u>mcl_sched</u>
- Because we are using POCL + multiple emulated NVDLA we provide a wrapper script to help set some environment variables

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#./launch mcl sched.sh



List of devices for POCL to use

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Running our MCL MNIST Inference application

• Similar to the MCL scheduler, we must set the same POCL environment variables, so we again wrap the nvdla_test binary in a script

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#./run nvdla test.sh

#!/bin/bash
<pre>num_instances=`ls nvdla_emulator_configs/ wc -l` devices=""</pre>
<pre>for i in `seq 0 \$((num_instances-1))`; do devices="\${devices}nvdlaemu " port=\$((6000+i)) export POCL_NVDLAEMU\${i}_PARAMETERS="127.0.0.1:\${port}"</pre>
done
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TL;DR (TL;DW)

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Start Emulated NVDLAs

we want our qemu images running so open a new terminal

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root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla# make nvdla_test

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#./launch_mcl_sched.sh

root@container:/ppopp21/nvdla#./run_nvdla_test.sh

Launch MCL Scheduler Execute application



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Thank you

